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Alone

Porch light left on,
a signal to someone
maybe, or a tribute
to the gone. Or better yet
a forgetting
that no passers
from the road
will arrive tonight.

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